

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Eric M. DeBrava et al. Art Unit : 3731
Serial No. : 10/044,277 Examiner : Victor X Nguyen
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Title : ASPIRATING BALLOON CATHETER FOR TREATING VULNERABLE
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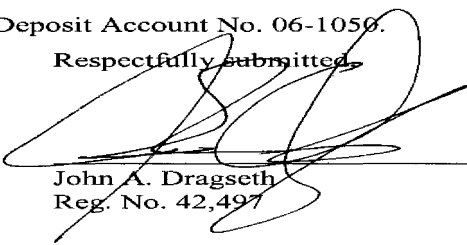
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated March 9, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-7, 13-18 and 23-25.

A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for 3 month(s) to and including September 11, 2006 is enclosed.

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